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LOK SABHA

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PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have carried out any authentic studies regarding the problems being faced by the agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to resolve the problems?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (c): A National Commission on Farmers was set up to examine, recommend policies, programmes and measures on various issues confronting Indian farmers and suggest appropriate measures for improving the economic viability and sustainability of diversified agriculture including horticulture, livestock, dairy and fisheries.

In its first interim report submitted to the Government, the Commission has dealt with areas relating to Integrated Life Saving Support Programme for Farm Families Facing Acute Distress; Productivity and Livelihood Enhancement in Rain-fed Areas; A New Deal for Women in Agriculture, Strengthening and Expanding the Horticulture Revolution; Enhancing Productivity, Quality and Global Competitiveness of Cotton; Sustaining and Expanding Farm Commodities Trade; Sanitary and Phytosanitary Dimensions; Towards an Era of Knowledge Intensive Agriculture; Food and Nutrition Security; Livestock and Livelihoods and Beyond Tsunami.

The Government has already initiated action on the Report.